

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is unacceptable. We have seen a number of other documentaries shut out of military bases, out of public schools, and out of TV advertising, because they were considered too political. Sinclair should not be allowed to use the public airwaves to further its own political beliefs, just because this particular documentary suits their aims.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Their actions show why the FCC must step forward to penalize their rank political actions in the harshest ways available.

Thank you.